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policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

Date: 12 Oct 1994 17:45:16 GMT
From: myers@Cypress.West.Sun.Com (Dana Myers)
Subject: ARRL ROANOKE DIV. ELECTION QUESTIONNAI

In article 100000@access4.digex.net, Tony Stalls <rstalls@access4.digex.net>
writes:

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>fault with one question. However, the phrasing is deliberate and is based
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>amateur radio examinations.

Is this then a case of phrasing a question to manipulate the answer?

If so, shame on you. For the record, I believe the code requirement, at least at speeds above 5WPM, is obsolete. I do not believe the use of Morse code is obsolete in the amateur context.

* Dana H. Myers KK6JQ, DoD#: j | Views expressed here are
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* (310) 348-6043 | mine and do not necessarily *
* Dana.Myers@West.Sun.Com | reflect those of my employer
*
* "Sir, over there.... is that a man?" *

Date: Wed, 12 Oct 1994 18:58:39 GMT
From: jeffrey@kahuna.tmc.edu (Jeffrey Herman)
Subject: Bad conditions...

Did the geomagnetic storm wipe out propagation on this newsgroup?
Haven't seen it so quiet on here.

How did Paul and Dana's debate go?

Jeff

Date: Wed, 12 Oct 94 14:05:45 GMT
From: jangus@skyld.grendel.com (Jeffrey D. Angus)
Subject: Crapping the bed?

I think I've stumbled across the cause of all the problems NH6IL has.

In article <mink.781652552@tcp.com> mink@tcp.com writes:

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> bhatch@netcom.com (Bob "Another beer, please" Christ) writes:
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> >ObPlantsThatIdeleted: Anyone know what a Calla Lilly is? Well, there's
> >an indorr plant that looks simular. It's got that yellow thing in the
> >middle or the flower that almost looks like a dick. Yes, I forgot what
> >it's called. Next time you're going ot a mall, doctor's office, whatever.
> >Remember to bring along an add-on pencil eraser. Slip it on the end of
> >the plant's thingie to really make it look like a dick.
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> Those are anthuriums, but in Hawaii they are called "boy
> flowers" for good reason.

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> Maiko Covington
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> I suppose you could bring along one of those thin party balloons
> with you too, to give it some "protection". Even better, put some
> glue on it before you go.
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Date: Wed, 12 Oct 1994 18:37:55 GMT
From: dbasinge@nickel.ucs.indiana.edu (Mike Basinger)
Subject: how do you study for code?

In article <37cah7\$5qi@jaxnet.jaxnet.com>, andy@jax.jaxnet.com (J. Andrew Dickerson) wrote:

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> I've found the Gordon West tapes from Radio Shack to be excellent. I'm
> General Class now, so he got me up to 13 wpm very easily. I must admit
> that I don't use CW very frequently, but those particular tapes are very
> helpful.
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> Andy

I recently went to my local Radio Shack to purchase these tapes, and I was told they were discontinued. You should be able to get the ARRL tapes.

mike

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Mike Basinger [call sign pending]
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"Not speaking for Indiana University"

Date: 12 Oct 1994 17:22:24 GMT
From: drewbob@mit.edu (Andrew C Robertson)
Subject: I know - a typing test! ;)

Let's establish HF digital subbands and grant access to anyone who passes a 60 word per minute typing test (5 errors max).

Someone's still going to whine. hee hee

73 de aa1hx

As you pray in your darkness
for wings to set you free
you are bound to your silent legacy - Melissa Etheridge

Date: 13 Oct 1994 01:15:46 GMT
From: rfm@urth.eng.sun.com (Richard McAllister)
Subject: I know - a typing test! ;)

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Whine? I think a somewhat ruder noise is called for.

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Rich McAllister (rfm@eng.sun.com)

Date: Wed, 12 Oct 94 12:54:51 GMT
From: jangus@skyld.grendel.com (Jeffrey D. Angus)
Subject: Rude Digital Ops (was: Sum'tin for nut'in and chicks)

In article <Cx7nyw.DOM@usenet.ucs.indiana.edu> battin@cyclops.iucf.indiana.edu writes:

> Assuming you're implying that he can't hear the QSO due to propagation factors, > there's potentially another point which I haven't seen explicitly addressed in > this discussion yet. I know from my "lurking" on the HF bands that there is

> often a vast improvement in interference when I'm monitoring a CW QSO between > having a 1.2 kHz filter versus a 0.4 kHz filter. Perhaps the CW op is using a > very narrow filter (say, 100-200 Hz) and really _can't_ hear the digital QSO > when he monitors his transmit frequency? Could someone who really knows post > a comparison between the bandwidths needed to _receive_ CW versus HF digital > modes? I'm not very familiar with the HF digital modes (although I am under > the impression that one normally uses about a 1.2 kHz bandwidth to receive > RTTY/digital), but I wonder if it might be the case that one set of people > aren't even aware that they are bothering another, even though they might be > listening before transmitting! (IE, they are listening through too narrow a > window.)

1.2 KHz filters *used* to be the optimum bandwidth for RTTY when the shift used was 850 Hz. Using (roughly) Shift + 2 * 3 * datarate. Most operation now is at 170 Hz. 500 Hz filters work fine. (Especially when dealing with allmode TNC's that seem to want to operate RTTY at 200 Hz shift.)

Speaking of operating technique, the other day after setting up a new B&W trapped dipole, I was listening at 14.078 and there was a CW QSO going on right under an AMTOR link. If I flipped the radio over to narrow CW I could still copy the CW without having too much interference from the AMTOR link. However, the CW was causing a problem with the TNC trying to decode the AMTOR with the bandwidth opened up as required.

The callsigns were a 2X2 5-land and a 1X3 9-land. The AMTOR stations were from the 4 and 7-land areas. Since I'm listening to all this out on the west coast, there shouldn't be the usual, "I didn't hear the other station" excuse.

This is why there are bandplans. CW is allowed across the entire allocation, but you normally don't hear a CW QSO going on in the phone segments. I'm sure that you can work CW under *any* phone QSO. But it's not done out of

courtesy. It would be nice if others could extend the same courtesy to the digital modes in the x.075 to x.105 segments.

30 KHz. (Typically) But I know what the problem probably is. The people that are screaming the loudest don't have the bottom 25 KHz. Which is funny considering the noise they make about CW being the end all to be all that it is.

73 es GM from Jeff (the well adjusted one that is neither misunderstood or mistaken...)

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Date: Wed, 12 Oct 94 15:40:57 -0500
From: Ed Ellers <edellers@delphi.com>

References<37dapa\$ksr@sugar.neosoft.com> <37eeuo\$1dc@chnews.intel.com>,
<37g3no\$714@crcnis1.unl.edu>
Subject: Re: CW QSO Content

gregory brown <gbrown@unlininfo.unl.edu> writes:

>Even by Dan's figure, 38% of US amateurs regularly use CW. I'd dare
>say the figure for International hams (on HF) is quite a bit higher.
>Now, if 38% + of all the electrical engineering literature was
>published in another language, you can bet your rubber sea-serpent
>that they would require foreign language for a BSEE.

YOUR analogy is the one that's faulty. Just because 38% of U.S. hams use CW doesn't mean that any given HF operator will ever need to use CW.

Date: 12 Oct 1994 16:17:56 GMT
From: Cecil_A_Moore@ccm.ch.intel.com

References<37dapa\$ksr@sugar.neosoft.com> <37eeuo\$1dc@chnews.intel.com>,

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Are you saying that German, Japanese, French, etc. engineers have nothing to offer to the world of God-like, English-speaking peoples? Give me a break. At least 38% of all the electrical engineering literature is published in another language (and often translated into English). Does being narrow-minded about CW go along with also being narrow-minded about the English language? Some of the best engineers in the world do not speak English. Some of the best kept engineering secrets in the world have never been written down in English.

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73, Cecil, KG7BK, 00TC (All my own personal fuzzy logic, not Intel's)

Date: 12 Oct 1994 12:03:11 GMT
From: jrbromley@sedona.intel.com (Jim Bromley, W5GYJ)

References<CxAGw6.BIE@news.hawaii.edu> <37c5ak\$4mp@chnews.intel.com>,
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Subject: Re: CW QSO Content

In article <37dapa\$ksr@sugar.neosoft.com>,
Dr. Michael Mancini <mancini@sugar.NeoSoft.COM> wrote:

>Let's see...I'm 32 and have my Extra, and it took three years for me
>advance through the Amateur ranks. I guess the difference between me
>and you is that I really wanted it, and decided to put forth the effort
>to do what was necessary to get that class, instead of whining about it.

Well, I can think of some other differences as well <smirk>.
What is your callsign, anyway?

>You know, I have friends who are trying to get their college degrees,
>and the years go by and they never get them. Why? They expected that
>diploma to be handed to them on a silver platter. So, they haven't
>earned it yet.

I just wonder if they describe their experiences in the same way

you do. Perhaps they are getting what they need from the college work they have done.

>There was a time when I wanted to be a radiologist,
>however I also knew that I would have four years of medical school
>ahead, plus one year of internship, three years of residency, and
>one additional year in my specialty. That was certainly something I
>COULD achieve, but chose not to. And I didn't go down to Baylor
>College of Medicine or UT Medical School whining that I want my M.D.
>but all those clinical and classroom hours are unnecessary (I DO
>disagree with the current teaching strategy of most traditional
>medical schools, but that's another topic for another forum).

Well, to push the analogy a bit, I think you would have had a lot more of a beef if they required you to complete a residency in psychiatry to be a radiologist. That's pretty much how I see the 13 and 20 wpm radiotelegraph requirements.

>But the fact remains that nothing worthwhile in life ever comes easily.

Ah, my dear Doctor. The best things in life are free!

Jim Bromley, W5GYJ <jbromley@sedona.intel.com>

Date: 13 Oct 1994 05:24:21 GMT
From: little@iamu.chi.dec.com (Todd Little)

References<37bg1d\$j8d@hacgate2.hac.com> <37c7qu\$sdj@news.iastate.edu>,
<Pine.SUN.3.90.941011225651.4035E-1000000@access4.digex.net>
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Usual argument where? There are some here that may make disparaging remarks
about Morse Code, but modern or obsolete, what does it have to do with
granting phone privileges? Maybe we should require a swimming test to
get a drivers licence. After all, they're both forms of transportation.

73,
Todd
N9MWB

Date: 13 Oct 1994 03:40:21 -0500
From: mancini@sugar.NeoSoft.COM (Dr. Michael Mancini)

References<37c7qu\$sdj@news.iastate.edu>
<Pine.SUN.3.90.941011225651.4035E-1000000@access4.digex.net>,
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17. The American Radio Relay League is obsolete and should be eliminated
as a representative of the Amateur population.

Opinions?

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"I'm not a real doctor, but I play one on television."

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